

Appl. No. : 10/068,423
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REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected independent Claims 1 and 8, as well as pending Claims 3, 4, 6, and 7 which depend from Claim 1 and Claims 9-12 which depend from Claim 8. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended to recite that the trench is formed "in and through" the layers forming the photo-sensitive regions of the device. This is not shown or described in Saito.

The remaining rejected Claims 28, 41, 43-46, 49, and 50 are canceled with this amendment.


Objected to Claim 47 has been made independent, and Claim 48 depends from 47. Objected to Claim 51 has been amended to depend from Claim 1. Claims 52-60 depend from Claim 51.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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